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SUBJECT: HMG OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS POLICY: NEGOTIATIONS
WITH OIL COMPANIES ON MAJORITY STATE PARTICIPATION

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (A), SEC STATE FOR ENERGY ERIC VARLEY WROTE ON NOVEMBER 12 TO OIL COMPANIES ENGAGED IN NORTH SEA DEVELOPMENT INVITING THEM "TO NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED AT ACHIEVING MAJORITY STATE PARTICIPATION IN CURRENT LICENSES FOR COMMERCIAL FIELDS ON UNITED KINGDOM CONTINENTAL SHELF." IN HIS LETTER VARLEY CONFIRMED THAT DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS ON PARTICIPATION WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY HAROLD LEVER (CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCY OF LANCASTER) ASSISTED BY EDMUND DELL (PAYMASTER GENERAL) AND LORD BALOGH (MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENERGY). VARLEY INFORMED COMPANIES THAT LEVER WILL BE GETTING IN TOUCH OVER COURSE OF NEXT FEW WEEKS ABOUT BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS. VARLEY ALSO WROTE THAT DELL, AS PAYMASTER GENERAL UNDER CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, WOULD BE ARRANGING SEPARATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PANIES MAINLY CONCERNED.

2. TWELVE COMMERCIALY PROVEN OIL FIELDS AND LICENCE
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